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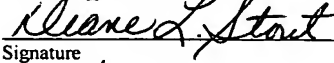
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Applicant believes that the relevance of each of the six above-listed non-English language references cited by the International Bureau is provided in the International Search Report previously communicated to the USPTO. An explanation of the relevance of German Patent DE 100 01 941 is found in corresponding U.S. Patent Application No. 2001-017478.

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